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RE WA 145 ON CZECH INFORMATION SERVICE, STUDY BY COOK OF BBC

RTTY SECTION, WHOSE RECORDS ON THIS SERVICE GO BACK TO ITS

INAUGURATION IN 1947 NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN, SHOWS THAT CALLSIGN OMZ

RPT OMZ CONSTITUTES INITIALS OF CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTRY; THAT

SEVERAL EARLY MESSAGES WHICH ARE ON FILE WERE SIGNED "FOREIGN

MINISTRY," AND THAT DURING HUNGARIAN UPRISING IN 1956 NINETEEN

FIFTYSIX THIS CZECH SERVICE SENT MESSAGES IN HUNGARIAN PRECEDED

BY THE INSTRUCTION: "PLEASE PASS IMMEDIATELY TO SENIOR OFFICIALS OF

HUNGARIAN LEGATIONS."

ASSUMING EITHER THAT THE CZECH FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS SOME KIND

OF INFORMATION SERVICE, OR THAT THE CZECH GOVERNMENT'S INFORMATION

SETUP USES FOREIGN MINISTRY COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY TO TRANSMIT

INFORMATION TO VARIOUS MISSIONS ABROAD, IT WOULD SEEM BEST TO USE

"CZECHOSLOVAK INFORMATION SERVICE" FOR LACK OF A BETTER NAME. BEARING

INFORMATION IS MEAGER, BUT INDICATIONS ARE THAT NOT ONLY DIPLOMATIC

MISSIONS BUT ALL CZECH MISSIONS ABROAD ARE AMONG THE RECIPIENTS

OF THIS MORSE SERVICE.

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SUGGEST FOLLOWING SOURCELINE: PRAGUE CZECHOSLOVAK INFORMATION

SERVICE IN CZECH (OR OTHER LANGUAGE). 14/1145Z MAR

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